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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON MEETING JULY 22 (SALT TWO-681)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING I MADE STATEMENT EXPANDING OUR RATIONALE FOR PROHIBITING A RAPID RELOAD CAPABILITY FOR ICBM LAUNCHERS AND OTHERWISE SUPPORTING OUR PROPOSAL IN PARA. 7, ARTICLE IV OF THE JDT. (THIS WAS LARGELY IN RESPONSE TO SEMENON'S PREVIOUS REQUEST IN BILATERAL CONVERSATION TO EXPLAIN WHAT WE MEANT BY RAPID RELOAD CAPABILITY). AT OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION TODAY, AT HIS INVITATION, I ALSO EXPANDED ON SAME SUBJECT TO WHICH HE LISTENED ATTENTIVELY AND SAID THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO DISCUSS FURTHER WITH ME.

2. SEMENOV'S STATEMENT AT THE PLENARY WAS AN EXTENDED EXPOSITION OF THEIR POSITION ON ARTICLE X OF THE JDT (BANS ON NEW SYSTEMS) IN WHICH THERE WAS NOTHING NOTABLE EXCEPT THAT HE CHARACTERIZED THEIR BAN ON MIRVS ON ASMS AS "ESSENTIAL."

3. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION, IN ADDITION TO EXPANDING ON OUR RATIONALE FOR PROHIBITING A RAPID RELOAD CAPABILITY, I

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AGAIN TOOK UP WITH HIM GETTING DEFINITIONS WORKING GROUPS TO

WORK ON PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF DEFINITIONS ARTICLE, MADE STATEMENT ON BROADENING THEIR NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ORBIT ARTICLE TO INCLUDE FOBS, AND TOLD HIM THAT IN OUR NEXT PRIVATE MEETING I HOPED HE WOULD PREPARE HIMSELF FOR A THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF THE SILO ENLARGEMENT QUESTION.

4. OUR DISCUSSION ON TASKING DEFINITIONS WORKING GROUP (ROWNY AND TRUSOV), WITH ESPECIALLY WORKING OUT MIRV DEFINITION ON BASIS OF DRAFTS TABLED BY BOTH SIDES, WENT ON AD NAUSEUM WITH HIS REPEATEDLY QUERYING AS TO WHETHER WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO "MAKE PROGRESS" ON THE ARTICLE AS A WHOLE (EXCEPT FOR MIRV COUNTING RULE AND HEAVY MISSILE DEFINITION WHICH WE PREVIOUSLY HAD AGREED WAS CHIEFS OF DELEGATION MATTER). I COUNTERED BY STATING THAT WHILE WE WERE WILLING TO HAVE DISCUSSION OF OTHER PARAGRAPHS, IF BY "MAKING PROGRESS" HE MEANT OUR CONCEDING TO THEIR POSITION, THE ANSWER WAS NEGATIVE. HOWEVER, I DIDN'T SEE WHY THIS SHOULD PREVENT PROGRESS IN CONFORMING MIRV DEFINITIONS WHERE SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES, IF ANY, SEEMED VERY SLIGHT. THE MATTER FINALLY WAS LEFT FOR DISCUSSION AT OUR NEXT PRIVATE MEETING. (WHILE IN HIS BILATERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH ROWNY, TRUSOV SEEMED TO BE SOMEWHAT MORE FORTHCOMING, I AM PUZZLED AS TO REASONS THEY ARE TAKING SUCH A POSITION WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH SEMENOV'S POSITION ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THE DRAFT. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT TRUSOV IS CALLING THE SHOTS ON THIS AND, AS WAS THE CASE LAST MAY, SEMENOV HAS LITTLE FREEDOM OF MANEUVER.

5. AS NOTED ABOVE, WE AGREED TO PUT OFF FURTHER DISCUSSION OF FOBS AND SILO ENLARGEMENT UNTIL OUR NEXT PRIVATE MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 24.

6. IN THEIR BILATERAL , WITHOUT GOING INTO ANY SPECIFIC LANGUAGE CHANGES, MAY OPENED UP DISCUSSION WITH SHCHUKIN OF PARA. 3, ARTICLE XVII (NON-IMPEDENCE OF VERIFICATION). WHILE DETAILS OF INTERESTING CONVERSATION WILL BE CONTAINED IN SEPERATE HIGHLIGHTS TELEGRAM, SHCHUKIN DID NOT FLATLY REJECT POSSIBILITY OF SOME MODIFICATION OF LANGUAGE IN THAT PARA. IN THEIR DISCUSSION OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE, SHCHUKIN SAID THAT ANY "COMPLUSORY EXCHANGE" OR ANY REQUIREMENT FOR ADVANCE NOTIFICATION WOULD "PROBABLY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIET SIDE". IN COMMENTING ON SECRET

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MY PRESENTATION OF TODAY ON PROHIBITING RELOAD CAPABILITIES, SHCHUKIN SAID THAT HE FELT THAT CONTINGENCY WAS "FAR FETCHED" AS WHEN THE "MISSILES STARTED FLYING, THERE WOULD BE NOTHING LEFT TO RELOAD."

7. NEXT PLENEARY SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, JULY 25, 11:00 A.M.
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